

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

One of the more recent examples of media abuse is Viacom-owned WNEW-FM's on-air broadcast of sex in St. Patrick's Cathedral on a Catholic holy day of obligation, during the "Opie and Anthony" show. Despite the protest, Viacom and subsidiaries have only fired the shock jocks. No apology was forthcoming. Even beer sponsor Samuel Adams beer gave and apology from its president, when Catholic-owned bars refused to carry their beer. Meanwhile, Viacom continues to broadcast other anti-social shows, including anti-female host Tom Lykus, whose program is carried in a time slot when school-aged kids could be listening, and would not have the judgment to properly weigh his anti-social messages.